



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 141**

January Session, 2001

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1258

*Senate, April 5, 2001*

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOURISM COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 32-301 of the general statutes is repealed  
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established within the Department of Economic and  
4 Community Development, for administrative purposes only, a  
5 Connecticut Tourism Council. The council shall consist of (1) the  
6 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, (2) the  
7 Commissioner of Transportation, or a designee, (3) the Commissioner  
8 of Environmental Protection, or a designee, (4) the Commissioner of  
9 Agriculture, or a designee, (5) [four] the cochairpersons of the joint  
10 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
11 matters relating to commerce, (6) five members appointed by the  
12 Governor, one of whom shall represent the campground industry, one  
13 of whom shall represent a chamber of commerce, one of whom shall

14 represent a tourist attraction, [and] one of whom shall represent the  
15 arts and one of whom shall represent the hotel and motel industry and  
16 be employed in a hotel or motel with less than fifty rooms, and [(6) six]  
17 (7) seven members appointed as follows: (A) [One] Two by the  
18 president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall represent the hotel and  
19 motel industry, one of whom shall be employed in a hotel or motel  
20 with more than fifty rooms but less than one hundred rooms and one  
21 of whom shall be employed in a conference center, (B) one by the  
22 majority leader of the Senate, who shall represent a convention center  
23 authority or coliseum authority, (C) one by the minority leader of the  
24 Senate, who shall represent the restaurant industry, (D) one by the  
25 speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall represent a tourism  
26 district, (E) one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives,  
27 who shall represent a tourism district, and (F) one by the minority  
28 leader of the House of Representatives, who shall represent tour bus  
29 companies. All members appointed by the Governor shall serve a term  
30 of four years. The terms of all members appointed by members of the  
31 General Assembly shall be coterminous with the terms of members of  
32 the General Assembly. No member of the council who represents a  
33 tourism district may (i) serve for consecutive terms on the council, or  
34 (ii) represent the same tourism district as such member's predecessor  
35 on the council. The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
36 Development shall serve as chairperson of the council.

**CE**            *JOINT FAVORABLE SUBST.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Potential Minimal Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Economic and Community Development, Legislative Management

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

The bill adds four members to the Connecticut Tourism Council, which is in the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for administrative purposes. Any increase in costs to DECD for necessary expenses as provided under CGS 4-1 is anticipated to be very minimal based on past history (less than \$50 a year in reimbursements). Since two of the new members are legislators, the bill may result in a minimal cost to Legislative Management due to mileage reimbursement to the participating legislator. Currently, legislators are reimbursed 30 cents per mile. Considering that a legislator may be traveling to the Capitol on other legislative business, any additional cost due to an increased number of reimbursed trips, could be handled within the anticipated budgetary resources of the agency.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TOURISM COUNCIL.****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds four members to the 14-member Connecticut Tourism Council, which oversees the way Department of Economic and Community Development and the state's 11 regional tourism districts promote the state's tourist attractions. The bill adds the Commerce Committee's cochairmen and requires the governor and the Senate president pro tempore to each appoint a representative of the hotel and motel industry.

The governor must appoint a representative of the hotel and motel industry who works for a hotel or a motel with fewer than 50 rooms. He currently appoints four members from different sectors of the tourism industry. The Senate president pro tempore must also appoint a representative of the hotel and motel industry who works in a conference center. He now appoints a representative of that industry; the bill limits that appointment to someone who works for a hotel or motel with between 50 and 100 rooms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**BACKGROUND*****Tourism Council Membership***

Table 1 shows the groups represented on the council, their terms, and their appointing authority.

**Table 1: State Tourism Council Membership**

<b>Appointing Authority</b>	<b>No. Appointments</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Term</b>
Statute	4	Commissioners of:	Coterminous

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic and Community Development</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Environmental Protection</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> </ul>	
Governor	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campground industry</li> <li>• Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Tourist attraction</li> <li>• Arts</li> </ul>	Four years
Senate president pro tempore	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hotel and motel industry</li> </ul>	Coterminous
Senate majority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convention center or Coliseum Authority</li> </ul>	Coterminous
Senate minority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurant industry</li> </ul>	Coterminous
House speaker	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional tourism district</li> </ul>	Coterminous
House majority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional tourism district</li> </ul>	Coterminous
House minority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional tourism district</li> </ul>	Coterminous

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0

